# FINDS FAVOR RATES SOUGHT

Proposal of Commissioner Has Promising Outlook.

Merger of the Capital Traction A. E. Berry, president of the Chesa-Company and the Washington Rail-way Company looked more promis-pany, today officially announced that sion believe that the bill sent by them to Congress yesterday will be the means of consolidating the two railway companies.

Utilities Commission for an interest sion believe that the bill sent by the rates of telephone service within a short time.

President Berry said today the company has not yet determined what

passed, may mean lower fare, the it to earn a fair return.
Utilities Commission today went The official statement ahead with its investigations of the books of the Washington Railway peake and Potomac Telephone Company and announced that the appary presented evidence to the Pubpeal to Congress would not delay any action of the commission is considering the request of the W. R. and present rates it is not earning a re-E. for an increase in fare.

W. R. and E. Hend Pleased.

tion upon learning of the of paying the salaries of crossing policemen. He stated that nearly \$300,000 a year would be saved tivities and what reimbursement the company if the new bill is passed. Government will make for extrao

pany on the merger proposition. Officials of the two railway companies today are studying the commission's not read the bill, while George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, could not be reached in his offices today.

Public Hearing Coming.

As soon as the commission's investigation of the books of the W. R. and E. are completed it is expected a date for a public hearing on higher fare will be set. President Ham says that his company will further urge immediate action if the commission showed an inclination to postpone action. We are facing a serious problem said Mr. Ham, "and we must have re lief immediately."

It was made clear today that the consolidation bill of the Commissioners would not force a merger of the two railway companies. There much speculation today as to how the commission expected to bring about a merger, when they only asked for Congressional action authorizing a consolidation. District officials seem confident that, if the bill is passed, a consolidation will follow

in a comparatively short time. The officials of the W. R. & E. have stated time and again that a merger which would insure justice to secur ity holders was approved by that company, but there was no statement as to the present consolidation bill. The W. R. & E. is not considering

mission of Marylan dfor an increase in fare in Maryland, President Ham NORRIS PUSHES GREAT

# **BOY PLEADS NOT GUILTY** TO SLAYING TWO MEN

John McHenry, 19, Faces Judge Stafford Charged With Death of Two:

Indicted for murder in the first degree in connection with the death. December 14, last, of Wallace W Mulcare, proprietor of an automobile accessory shop at 1222 Fourteenth street northwest, whom he is alleged to have shot, John McHenry, nineteen years old, today entered a plea of not guilty before Justice Stafford. residing in Criminal Court No. 2. The young prisoner also pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder in trict. the first degree in connection with the death, December 20, of Detective Sergeant James E. Armstrong, who the indictment charges, McHenry shot

December 14 at the Union Station as the former attempted to arrest the accused. McHenry being without means to employ council, Justice Stafford assigned Attorney Samuel McC. Hawken to the case.

care's store and leveling his pistol at the latter, demanded money. Mulcare went to the cash register, and took a revolver, according to McHenry's tale to the police, and drew gun and fired three times. McHenry said he ducked behind the

cash register and fired at Mulcare, killing him, after which he rifled his pockets and took his money. McHenry then went to the Union Station intending to leave the city. Detective Sergeant Armstrong discovered him at the ticket window He approached the accused to arrest him when McHenry wounded him. Armstrong died December 20.

## SOVIET BOOK REMOVED FROM HOWARD LIBRARY

Senator Smoot's recent attack in the Senate upon a book in the Library SAFETY FIRST SOCIETY of Howard University entitled, the Senator said, "Seventy-Six Questions and Answers on Bolshevism and the Soviets," by Albert Rhys Williams has had its intended effect despite the fact that the Utah Solon was mista formed concerning some of the facts in the case.

Investigation yesterday by Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, president of the in-by the Washington Safety First As-stitution, revealed that the work re-sociation, at a meeting held in the ferred to was a forty-eight-page public Library last night pamphlet entitled "Bolsheviks and Dr. L. D. Walter, first pamphlet entitled "Bolsheviks and Dr. L. D. Walter, first vice presi-Soviets," two copies of which were dent of the organization, declared in the university library.

stitution, Dr. Durkee 'explained, at sity of such a court in order to expea time when Bolshevism was in an dite the trying of many violators of embryo state and when the people traffic regulations, in many cases store and carried off a number of fur were much interested in elucidative causing fatal accidents. Dr. Walter pieces valued at \$2,943. literature on the subject. Since the introduced the resolution. books were catalogued each has been taken from the library but once. After a perusal of the work, Dr. special committee to call on Senator Durkee stated that it should be sup- Sherman, of the Senate District Comthe university's copies would be im- the House District Committee,

Street Car Reorganization Chesapeake and Potomac Company to Make Formal Application in Near Future.

ing today than ever before. Mem- the company would ask the Public bers of the Public Utilities Commis- Utilities Commission for an increase

Despite the fact that the bill, if increased rates will be sufficient for The official statement follows:

lic Utilities Commission of the Dis-trict of Columbia showing that at the turn uron the fair value of its prop erty as fixed by the commission. company stated that at this time it is William F. Ham, president of the not to a position to determine what W. R. and E., returned today from a rates are sufficient to enable it to convention of the American Railway earn a fair return upon that value, Association, and expressed gratifica- and will not be able to do so until commis- it has ascertained what proportion of method of taxation be changed and the company be relieved of the burspecial needs of the Federal Government in connection with its war ac Government will make for extraordi-There was no statement forthcom-ing today from either railway com-tion of the system in the District of tion of the system in the District of olumbia during the war period.

"When the company has arrived a conclusions on the above-mentioned First Floor of Masonic Temple bill. President Ham this morning had questions, it will make its application to the Public Utilities Commis-

# **BOOM CONGRESSMAN'S**

New Jersey Delegation Backs John gia and Colorado aver.ues.

This report was brought to the J. O'Brien for Municipal

gation in Congress for municipal judge in the District of Columbia, to Brightwood. succeed Judge M. H. Strasburger, re-

Mr. O'Brien is a Democrat, and is

an intimate friend of Mr. O'Brien, is working in his behalf. During President Wilson's prelimnary campaign in New Jersey, in 1912. Mr. O'Brien took a leading part. Mr. O'Brien is a graduate of George town University Law School,

# **FALLS WATER PROJECT**

Senator Norris of Nebraska has aken up the fight in the Senate for the Great Falls waterpower develop-Construction of a Great Falls pow-

er plant, not to exceed \$25,000,000 in cost, is proposed by Senator Norris in an amendment offered to the waerpower development bill. His amendment will receive the support of those Senators who advocate the development of hydro-electric power at Great Falls capable of furnishing all the electrical needs of the District of Columbia. Lined up against this faction are those who upport the proposed investigation of all the water supplies of the Dis-

It is not believed the Senate will vote for the Norris amendment at this time. While it has strong support, the question of waterpower development for the National Capital is one now before the Senate District Com.nittee. The Senate probably will wait until the District Committee makes its report on the subject.

trict and suburbs adjacent to the Dis-

## On the evening of December 14 HOUSEKEEPERS TO PLAN CAMPAIGN TO CUT H. C. L

The Housekeepers' Alliance, of the Ditsrict of Columbia, will meet in the ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel, Friday morning, at 11 o'clock. All housekeepers in the city are urged to attend. The object is to discuss and consider ways and means of re-ducing the high cost of living. Mrs. R. G. Hoose will preside, and the meeting will first take up the question of home service, which includes wage scales, hours of service. and the general efficiency of house hold employes. The alliance plans to hold successive meetings to discuss other problems that present them-"That Washington May Live" selves.

# **URGES TRAFFIC COURT**

An informal luncheon will be given

is the slogan of the meetings.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted to urge Congress to pass the necessary legislation creating a traf-fic court in the District of Columbia,

the university library.

These books were sent to the in- had called his attention to the neces-The resolution authorized the pres

ident of the association to appoint a pressed by the Government, and that mittee, and Congressman Mapes, of at \$1,250; sixty muskrat skins, valued mediately withdrawn from the library, urge the passage of the law.

# Jury That Convicted Ziang Sung Wan of Killing Chinese Educator



It took this jury, sitting in Justice Gould's court, just twenty minutes to reach a verdict that Ziang Sung Wan, young Chinese student, had shot and killed Ben Sen Wu, one of the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission found slain January last. Wan collapsed after hearing the verdict. He still protests his innocence.

# FOR BRIGHTWOOD

Now Being Built Will Be Office.

SECRETARY FOR BENCH One of the finest postoffice subin the new \$100,000 Masonic Temple, which is now being erected at Geor-

members of the Brightwood Citizens' Association last night by Elmer Johnson, chairman of the postoffice com-The name of John J. O'Brien, of mittee, and Charles W. Ray, president New Brunswick, N. J., was put for- of the association, who had been ward today by the New Jersey dele- working many weeks toward obtaining a postoffice substation for

Plans of the new Masonic Temple were presented at the meeting by H. S. Omohundro, chairman of the buildprivate secretary to Congressman ing committee of the lodge. The first Thomas J. Scully of New Jersey. He floor of the building will be arranged has held this office since Mr. Scully to suit the needs of a modern postbegan his service in the House, in office. This will be done at an additional cost of \$7,000. Thirty mail Congressman Reardon of New York, carriers will operate from the new substation.

Protest Statue's Removak

committee of the association which has been protesting against the disposition of the Lincoln statue, which formerly stood it. front of the courthouse, has been directed formulate ways and means by which the statue may be re-erected on the site of old Fort Stevens, wher coln was under fire during the civil

The removal of the statue to any Western State was strongly opposed by many of the members of the association.

It was reported last night that ommittees of the William B. Cushing Camp, No. 30, Sons of Veterans, and the Grand Army have been appointed to collaborate with the Brightwood committee in having the Lincoln statue placed on the site of Fort Stevens.

A resolution was presented by E. M. Cleary and adopted, that sufficient appropriation be made by Congress for the planting of pink oak trees the entire length of Georgia avenue to the District Line, to take the place of the trees now there. It was said hat uniform trees along Georgia avenue would beautify the thorough-

Favor School Betterment. The association went on record as favoring the five recommendations of

the citizen's school betterment committee. Charles W. Ray, president of the touch with the officials of the Capial Traction Company in an effort to obtain better service on the Takoma

He said the officials of the company fully realized the need of beter service on that line, and that teps might be taken to put on ex-

W. H. Labofish was elected financial secretary of the association last night. W. E. Humphreys was admited to membership.

# **ELKS ENLST TO HELP ACTORS' MEMORIAL DAY**

Actors' memorial day has secured s its latest assistant, the Benevo'ent and Protective Order of Elks, it was william I. Evans, exalted ruler of

B. P. O. E., No. 15, said: "I think it itting that the Washington Lodge of Elks should help the movement, inasnuch as the order was started by actors," continued Mr. Evans. Actors' memorial day services will be held here on the afternoon of January 27 Charles W. Darr, head of the speakrs' bureau for the campaign, and Barl Godwin, secretary of the execu-ive committee, have been invited to

# THIEVES ROB STORE OF VALUABLE FURS

Breaking the glass in the back door f the store of Isadore Rosendorf, a furrier at 9251/2 G street northwest, early yesterday, thieves ransacked the pieces valued at \$2,943. The robbery, the police were told committed between 6 o'clock Thursday night and yesterday morning. Included in the list of stolen furs were five muskrat coats, valued

\$330, and five fur coats, valued at

# Van, Brother of Doomed Chinese, to Be Tried For Forgery, States Laskey

John E. Laskey today announced that on the gallows for the crime. with the conviction of Ziang Sung jury was convinced that Wan not only Wan, Chinese student, for the pre-meditated murder of Ben Sen Wu. one of the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission who were found slain last January, Tsong Ing Van, brother of the Chinese who doomed to die on the gallows, will be speedily brought to trial on the charge of forgery and uttering a

worthless check. Van, who daily loitered about the courthouse during the time his brother was on trial and who was a witness for the defendant, is charged vith having attempted to have cashed the \$5,000 check, bearing the forged signature of Dr. Theodore T. Wong. which was the telltale evidence upon which Wan was convicted, and which was presented at the Riggs National on Japuary 30, the day after the Chinese educators were slain.

Admits Offering Check. In testifying for the defendant, Van d.nitted presenting the check at the bank, but declared it had been given in an envelope by a Chinese named T. P. Wang, whom he had never Wang, whom he had never seen before and who had suggested he take it to the bank as he (Wang)

could not speak English well. The prosecution proved to the satstaction of the jury that this Wang vas a fictitious individual and that in reality it was Wan who had given him the check and accompanied the

In his closing argument, District Attorney Laskey told the jury that 'if it did not believe Wan accompaned Van to the bank when an atempt was made to cash the check for 5,000, bearing Dr. Wong's forged signation, the Government does not want you to convict the defendant.

To File for New Trial.

Attorney James A. O'Shea, chief ounsel for Wan, today stated that ne would file a motion for a new trial for Wan on Monday. If the plea is not granted, Justice Gould will sen ence the Chinese student to be hanged at the District jail for the crime for which the Chinese student has eclared his innocen :e. Except on the occasion when he

roke down and sobbed on the witname of Dr. Wong, who had been his friend and benefactor, Wan remained an enigma, showing no apparent emo on until he heard the foreman of he jury, John E. Shelton, pronounce hat he was "guilty as indicated." For a moment he stood stoically inder the verdict of the twelve jurers, but suddenly collapsed and fell in heap to his chair and burst into

Laskey Persistent.

In closing the Government case District Attorney Laskey mercilessly lug into every minute detail of every with pitiless persistency, and all hrough the denouncement, Wan renained the same Oriental that he is he same enigmatic Chinaman, the incomprehensible Christian

This proved one of the puzzling factors in the trial, many believing his stoic attitude would cause oubt of guilt of the defendant. But District Attorney Laskey pointhad ample opportunity to tell of his movements on the night and day: following the triple crime. But it was proven that both brothers had lied and made incriminating statements from the moment that they were questioned.

Denial Proves Evidence.

The most powerful bit of evidence was the denial of Van that he had ever been to Washington, except on February 3, when brought here by Detective Sergeant Edward J. Kelly. having been here, despite the fact that having been here, despite th fact that he had been identified by officials of address the lodge and explain the the Riggs National Bank as having work Wednesday evening, when 150 presented the forged check for \$5,000 candidates are to be initiated. Later on Van admitted he was in Washington on the night the mem

been slain, and that he took the check

to the bank. And further Van admitted that his brother accompanied him to the bank, remaining in an automobile when he (Van) went in the bank to get the money. Expected His Freedom,

Wan fully expected to be freed by the jury. He believed his lawyers had ably defended him and proved h's innocence to the satisfaction of the jury. He had arranged at the jail yesterday morning to have his things packed so he could leave Washington forever. He did not figure on a But it took the jury only a few

United States District Attorney | was guilty and that he should hang killed Wu, but that he lay in wait in the mission house and shot and killed each of the mission members as the came into the house.

The Government's contention was that Wan was without funds; that he had received \$2,000 in April, 1918, from his mother in Shanghai, China for educational purposes. He used the money to operate a moving pic ture theater in Brooklyn, N. Y. He dared not write his mother o his financial proposition which robbed him of his bank account, so figured obtaining money from the mission funds. He feared asking Dr. Wong for the money—to tell of his misuse

fully planned the robbery. Laskey's Summary.

of the \$2,000 which the director of

the mission knew he had received for

educational purposes. So he care

"Wan," said District Attorney Las ey, "secreted himself in the base ment of the mission house on th night of January 29, and after Wu had come in and changed his shoes killed him when he entered the base ment to look after the furnace.

"Later, C. H. Hsie, under secretary of the mission, arrived and, finding Wu's shoes in his room, went to the basement to find him. He, too, was shot down in cold blood. Later Dr. Wong came in, and he, too, was shot

"The check was forged, and Wan joined his brother on Ninth street, later going to the Harris Hotel. next day Wan gave the check to Van and told him to get it cashed. Failing to get the money, the brothers hurried to New York, Wan destroying the check by throwing it away in the wash room of the train."

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO KILLING EMPLOYER

William Taylor, colored, indicted for murder in the first degree in connection with the death October 15, of William McKee Bentzell, thirty-five years old, 1326 B street southeast, entered a plea of not guilty today before Justice Gould, presiding in Criminal Court No. 1. It is alleged that Taylor assaulted Bentzell. by whom he was employed, by strikng him over the head with an iron bar. According to the police of the lifth precinct, Bentzell had employd the colored man as a driver of truck, and that the latter failed to eturn the vehicle at the time he was ordered. An argument followed and the negro struck Bentzell with the ron bar; death resulting the follow-

ing day, it is said, Charles Monroe, colored, pleading guilty to assault with a dangerous veapon July 4, last, upon John Dudey, was sentenced by Justice Gould to wo years and six months in the penientiary. William Johnson colored eceived three years in the penitenary for general larceny in connec ion with stealing a lot of clothe October 4, last, from Harry Abram

# **30Y AND WOMAN HURT** BY AUTOMOBILES HERE

While crossing at Fourteenth and Belmont streets northwest yesterday afternoon, Richard Finn, six years old, of 2532 Twelfth street northwest. was knocked down by an automobile said by the police to have been operated by A. W. Day, 2014 North Capita's street. Finn was taken to George Washington University Hospital. Mrs. Anna F. Mahoney, forty-two years old, of 1603 Rhode Island avenue northeast, was taken to Canrom a tractured leg and bruises received when she was struck by an automobile at Sixteenth street and Rhode Island avenue northeast. bers of the educational mission had

### WOULD ANNUL MARRIAGE.

Annulment of his marriage, February 28, 1909, at Baltimore, to Ida V. immons, is requested in a suit filed oday in the District Supreme Court by Horace J. Sim nons, who alleges hat she was of unsound mind when he ceremony was performed, but that ie was not aware of it. Simmons, represented by Attorney

Tus A. Schuldt, alleged that defend-ant was adjudged August 20, 1908, to be of unsound mind and that he entered into a marriage contract with her while she was out on parole from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, of which institution she is a patient. There are minutes to bring a werdict that he no children.

# SCHOOL EMPLOYES

Janitors and Clerks Included in Proposed Bill to Increase Teachers' Pay.

Clerks and janitors in the public chools will be included in the bill, to be drafted and sent to Congress with-in a week, which provides for an increase in salaries for school teachers, t was learned today. There is also a possibility that the bill, when it goes to Congress, will be retroactive until July 1, 1918, and if

so, will mean many extra dollars for the pockets of the school employes. Will Take \$1,000,000.

It was estimated that it would take more than \$1,000,000 extra to provide for the suggested increase in salaries. Ernest L. Thurston, superintenden schools, was in conference today with Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of schools, and R. O. Vilmarth, chief accountant of the schools, in an effort to set a salary named to draft a bill providing for

A copy of a proposed list of sal-aries was given to William Eynon, of the National Capital School Betterment Council. This committee will goods.

Union To Aid Move.

The Federal Employes' Union voted last night to become a part of the National Capital School Betterment The union pledged itself to support the five objects of the council, which is striving to obtain high- ing evidence on cases of violations of er pay for teachers, more teachers. retirement law for teachers, more schools and a separate financial department in the schools.

The school committee of the union was given instructions to co-operate to every extent with the campaign of the council to improve school conditions in Washington.

Four essential planks were added by the union to the platform of the school betterment council. They were: Adequately trained teachers, adequate supervision of teachers' work, unifor n salary grading, regardless of age of the pupil taught, and the fair and adequate consideration of any vital issue which may be presented by the Board of Education looking toward efficiency and progress in the

## **NAVY BUREAU TO DROP ABOUT 100 BY JULY 1**

Reduction of approximately 100 vivilian and clerical employes of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts of and July 1, it was announced today. It is not expected that these employes will be peremptorily dropped out that many, if not all, of them will esign. It was pointed out this mornng that since the ending of the war 374 of the civilian employes have quit their jobs and returned to nomes in other cities after helping heir Government win the war. Most I these employes were women. vill be the aim of the bureau to bring ts force down to normal, about 450 mployes, by July 1.

# COURT-MARTIAL TO TRY SOLDIER FOR SLAYING

A court marital will be convened early next week for the trial of Pri- | simple relative. vate John H. Tant, of Walter Reed Hospital, who fatally wounded Private Edward F. Thaller, by stabbing BOY, 11, BADLY BURNED Hospital, who fatally wounded Priilm in the abdomen with a bayonet, Thusrday afternoon, during an altercation at the post. Thaller, a prisoner, was stabbed, it

s said following an attempt to wrench a rifle from the hands of Tant, who was on sentry duty. Both men have been stationed in Washington for several months. Andrew Thaller, a brother of the night, in response to a telegram sent by officers at the post.

### WIFE ALLEGES DESERTION.

nonsupport, Mrs. Helen Shawn today iled suft in the District Suprome absolute divorce and alimony. They R. H. McNeill appears for Mrs. Sharn. The damage was small.

# Reclassification Board May Slash Some Salaries To Bring About Equality

The present salaries of many Government employes will be reduced as the result of probable recommendations to Congress by the joint commission on reclassification of

Such action was strongly indicated this morning when it was learned that the commission is considering at great length the question of inequalities in salaries paid for the same class of work.

#### Commissioners Divided.

missioners are divided on this issue. They realize the delicateness of cutting salaries in this day of high cost of living, when everyone is demandng more money.

Yet, there are others on the com mission who feel that facts gathered through exhaustive investigations warrant a reduction of some salaries. There is every possibility that this latter opinion will prevail when final recommendations are drawn up, secause it is known that the commission's policy in arriving at con-clusions are facts. The commission believes that any attack which may be made upon its report in Congress can be defended by facts.

100 Per Cent More Pay. And the commission is in possession

of facts which show that for the same grade of work some Government/em ployes are receiving as much as 100 per cent more than other employes. One member of the commission stated today that if the findings of there must unquestionably be a rec. ing each fact they are face to face ommendation to reduce some salaries. with a problem difficult of solution.

It was stated today that the com- | He indicated that if this is not done the maximum and minimum set for salaries will be meaningless. At present some salaries are being paid which are so far in excess of any maximum figure which the commis-sion might fix that they are out of

the question. Find Glaring Inequalities When the work of the commission is completed, specifications will clearly outline the duties of each position together with minimum and maxi-

mum salaries. As an example, the maximum for certain clerical work might be \$1,400.

If any employes receive \$1,600 or \$1,800 for this grade of work which will call for only \$1,400, the only conclusion is that there must be a

Glaring inequalities in salaries has been one of the big features of the commission's investigations. Figures out so prominently that there is no dribt as to their correctness, and as h. ommissioners are carefully weighbt as to their correctness, and as

# URGEPUBLIC REPORT ASK FUNDS TO KEEP ON MEAT PIRATES JOBS BUREAU GOING

Names of Butchers Ignoring Official Lists.

Following the issuance last night cale. These men, with Daniel J. by the fair price committee of lists of the District to contribute funds Donovan, District auditor, have been giving the fair margins of profit on for the Citizens' Free Employment by the fair price committee of lists of the District to contribute funds the sale of certain classes of meats Service, successor to the Federal Emall customer's are requested to report ployment Bureau maintained by the merchants who they think have Department of Labor at 1410 Penncharged above the fair margins al- sylvania avenue northwest, as the

> the District Attorney to be placed by him before the grand jury for such action as that body deems appropri-

Investigators for the fair price ecmmittee are today at work collect the fair price margins on meats and milk. The sugar situation in the District

was reported to be approaching nor-

mal today with a large number of shipments in the hands of local merchants, and more on the way. "I feel that the sugar shortage is definitely over, for the present, at least," said E. D. Atkinson, executive secretary of the fair price commit-tee, today. "Two of the largest chain grocery concerns have lifted restrictions and others are getting an adequate supply.

## FLU TOOK HEAVY TOLL IN SOCIETY ISLANDS

Bad as were the ravages of influenza in civilized lands, the disease probably was more deadly in the Society Islands than anywhere else in the world except among the Alaskan Eskimo, according to Prof. Henry E Crampton, who addressed members of the National Geographical Society yesterday afternoon and last even ing at the New Masonic Temple.

It resulted in all but wiping out one of the most interesting of primitive peoples who have attracted not only the attention of scientists, but who have been extolled by travelers ever since the early explorations of Capt, James Cook for the beauty of their women.

Great interest has centered in these their dances and their music afford a means of studying the earliest de velopment of these arts. Their dances show clearly how they grew from the fireside narratives of hunters, who, in the enthusiasm of story telling, would imitate the postures of the animals they pursued. Their ver description also assumed different keys and became rhythmic, hence the beginnings of music from this

# **PLAYING NEAR BONFIRE**

John Blum, eleven years old, of 39 Florida avenue northeast, was burned severely about the body last night when his clothing became ignited while playing near a fire on a vacant deceased arrived in Washington last lot near his home. He was taken to Casualty Hospital.

An overheated stove in the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Nichols avenue and Howard road southeast, caused a fire late yesterday afternoon. Dam-Alleging misconduct, desertion, and age was estimated at \$25.

Fire, caused by spontaneous com-bustion, was discovered yesterday in Court against Lester G. Shawn, for the Bureau of Mines, on the American University grounds. Gas caused by were married October 26, 1909, in this intermingling of acids, forced fremen

# Fair Price Committee Wants Welfare Groups Pledge \$12,000 For the Support of

A plea will be made to all citizens lowed by the committee on these result of action taken at a meeting of representatives of the various Such violations, coming under the local welfare organizations which are raises embodied in this proposed list Lever food control act, will be re- supporting the service, in the board room of the District Building yes terday afternoon.

It was pointed out that, since the failure of Congress to grant appropriations for the continuance of the service, it had been supported entirely at the expense of local welfare organizations. This service has grown to such an extent that its continuance is imposing a severe strain on the welfare organizations, and for this reason the public will be ap pealed to to assist to a certain extent

in its support. At yesterday's meeting the representatives of the welfare groups pledged a total of \$12,000 for the support of the service, and Commissioner Brownlow, who presided at the meeting, was authorized to appoint a committee on finance and a local treasurer to take charge of the collection and disbursing of funds for the maintenance and extension of the

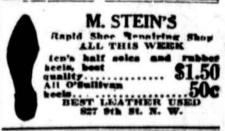
The statement was made that throughout the country many thousands of cities and towns are financing their own employment bureaus for returned service men.

The representatives of the co-oper ating organizations agreed to cir-cularize their memberships in order to secure and report facts about existing vacancies to the office at 1410 Pennsylvania avenue.

### MORE SKATING TOMORROW.

Ice Skating will be resumed at the Tidal Basin tomorrow morning unless there is an unusual thawing of the ice this afternoon, it was announced at the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

The ice in the center of the basin is more tha nfour inches thick, and if the cold weather continues, the basin will be in good shape for skating for the next several days.



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